Preparing for the 2010 Census

Montana

The U.S. Constitution requires that the Bureau of the Census count the population every 10 years for the purpose of Reapportioning Congressional Seats. The Census is also used for:

- Redistricting state legislative districts,
- Municipal infrastructure planning,
- Per capita funding allocation,
- Transportation planning,
- Health care planning,
- And many other decisions based on population and socio-economic characteristics.

Census taking in the United States is done almost entirely by mail. The Census Bureau develops a complete list of addresses using the Postal Service and other sources. This list is called the Master Address File (MAF) and while every effort is made to have a complete file, many residential addresses are still missed.

Only with local assistance can the hardest to find addresses be included in the Census 2010 Master Address File.

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What is LUCA?

The Local Update of Census Addresses program, also known as LUCA, is a decennial census geographic partnership program that will allow the U.S. Census Bureau to benefit from local knowledge in developing its Master Address File for the 2010 Census and yearly ongoing household surveys. Tribal, state, and local governments can contribute to a complete enumeration of their community by reviewing and commenting on the list of housing units and group quarters addresses that the Census Bureau will use to deliver questionnaires within their community.

Why is LUCA important to my community?

An accurate population count starts with an up-to-date and accurate address list. If a housing unit or group quarters address is listed on the Master Address File, it will ensure that the people residing at the address will be enumerated. A February 2003 Government Accountability Office report prepared for a congressional requester indicated that in fiscal year 2000, about \$283 billion in federal grant money were distributed to state and local governments by formula; states received their share of this money based in part on factors such as annual population estimates derived from the 1990 decennial census. When the population estimates were updated to reflect the 2000 census results, an additional \$388 million in federal grant funding went predominately to the 23 states that had above-average estimate revisions. Clearly the stakes are high, and a complete count is vital to cities and towns nationwide.

How can we prepare for LUCA now?

Organize Local Records:

- Building permits for new construction and conversion
- · Housing inspection records
- Occupancy permits
- Planning or zoning records
- School enrollment records
- Tax assessment rolls

Update and Verify State/County Records

- Voter registration
- E-911

How can we participate in LUCA?

In May and June 2007, the Census Bureau will be conducting informational LUCA workshops in eight cities in Montana: Billings, Bozeman, Glendive, Great Falls, Havre, Helena, Kalispell, and Missoula, to introduce the program to local and tribal governments. These workshops will explain the program options for participation, commitments, benefits, and will allow governments to prepare for technical training workshops that will take place in the late summer to early fall 2007.

LUCA Informational Workshops - 2007

Kalispell

May 9th
Public Meeting Room
Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
490 North Meridan Road, Kalispell
10 am - Noon

Havre

June 5th
Hospitality Room
Hill County Electric Cooperative
2121 Hwy 2 NW, Havre
10 am - Noon



Great Falls

Commissioners Office 325 2nd Avenue North, Great Falls 3pm - 5pm

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Room UC 102
Ullam Center
Dawson Community College
Glendive
10 am - Noon

Missoula May 10th

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MonTEC Conference Room
MAEDC
1121 East Broadway
Missoula
10 am - Noon

Helena

June 6th
Conference Room
Montana Association of Counties
2715 Skyway Drive, Helena
10 am - Noon



June 7th Large Community Room Bozeman Public Library 626 East Main, Bozeman 1 pm - 3 pm Billings

June 8th
3rd Floor Conference Room
Parmly Library
510 N. Broadway, Billings
10 am - Noon

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The Census Bureau will send invitational letters to the Highest Elected Official in each town, city, county, and reservation for these workshops. These letters are scheduled to be sent approximately six weeks before the meeting. Please look for your area's invitation for more details. If you need further information contact the CEIC or the Denver office of the Census Bureau at the contact information on the front of this page.